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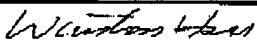
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5 Applicant: Ting-Yu Chang
Filing Date: 11/18/2002 Art Unit: 2644
Serial No.: 10/065,766 Docket No.: AOIP0005USA

10 Title: COMPUTER SYSTEM WITH A PREAMPLIFIER CIRCUIT MOUNTED
ON A MOTHERBOARD

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15 Subject: Information disclosure statement Under
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30 Since the IDS is filed before the mailing date of a first
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information disclosure statement is hereby requested according to 37C.F.R. §1.97(b). The prior art patent Taiwan (patent no.446899) contained in the information disclosure statement was mailed from Taiwan Intellectual Property Office on Aug. 26, 2004 for a counterpart Taiwanese application. Applicant sincerely hopes that the examiner can consider the item contained in the information disclosure statement.

Part of specification of Taiwan patent no.446899 cited by examiner:

Referring to FIG4, it is a schematic diagram showing the controlling circuit of tone quality programmed on a motherboard. A AC 97 controller 52 of a south bridge chipset 50 coupled to a codec 60 on the motherboard that receives a controlling signal from the AC 97 controller 52 to generate audio signal. The audio signal is transferred to a input terminal of the tone quality controlling chipset 70 illustrated in FIG2, indicated as pin 4 and 25, so as to change the audio signal into a output signal with effect of stereo, low tone, high tone, left sound track and right sound track, output by a output terminal of the tone quality controlling chipset 70, indicated as pin 13 and 16.

An amplifier 80 amplifies and transfers the output signal of the tone quality controlling chipset 70 to an output line 90 to produce audio frequency output into player external. The above-mentioned audio quality controlling is obtained by a game port 54 of the south bridge chipset 50 to produce controlling signal for the tone quality controlling chipset 70. A data signal and a time impulse signal transferred by game port 54 are input into a pin of time impulse CLK and a pin of DATA 28 of the tone quality controlling chipset 70 to

finish the invention of the controlling circuit of tone quality programmed on a motherboard.

ABSTRACT :

5 A controlling circuit of tone quality is programmed on a motherboard. A tone quality controlling chipset is coupled to between the codec and amplifier on the motherboard so as to receive the audio signal generated from the codec and thereon use game port to generate time impulse signal and data
10 signal for controlling tone quality controlling chipset to make the tone quality controlling chipset generate output signal for the receipt and amplification of amplifier, and further the high tone quality is output by a speaker.

15 What is claimed is:

1. A controlling circuit of tone quality programmed on a motherboard comprising:
 - a codec for generating multiple audio signals;
 - a tone quality controlling chipset coupled to the codec
20 for receiving the multiple audio signals and generating multiple output signals by a time impulse signal and a data signal for controlling tone quality;
 - a amplifier coupled to the tone quality controlling chipset for receiving a output signal and amplifying
25 the output signal; and
 - a controlling port coupled to the tone quality controlling chipset for generating the time impulse signal and the data signal to control tone quality.

Respectfully submitted,

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